

Police, Blacks Greet 'Williams' —But He's a Briton, Not a Fugitive

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DETROIT, Sept. 8 (AP)—About 50 federal agents and policemen and 100 members of the black separatist Republic of New Africa gathered at Detroit Metropolitan Airport Sunday night to greet a passenger listed on a London flight manifest as "Williams."

It turned out to be quite a surprise for everybody concerned.

Police and federal authorities were there to arrest Robert Williams, president of the Republic of New Africa, on charges of flight to avoid prosecution on a 1961 kidnaping warrant in North Carolina.

But when Trans World Airlines Flight 721 arrived,

passenger Williams turned out to be Edward Williams, a neatly dressed and somewhat amazed English businessman.

Somehow RNA, which demands possession of six southern states for a Negro republic, also had got word of a passenger named Williams being aboard and members of its Black Legion turned up in polished boots, black fatigues and black berets.

"When I saw the honor guards and the crowd," Williams said smilingly later, "I thought you perhaps did this all the time for foreign visitors."

The other Williams, Robert, was scheduled to fly

from London to Cairo today. He flew from Tanzania to London Friday on United Arab Airlines en route back to the United States, where he has been wanted for eight years, but British immigration authorities refused to allow him into the country.